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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Duncan et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Please enter the following amendments prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

Applicant believes that the Preliminary Amendment places the application, particularly the claims, in compliance with the new rules set out in the Federal Register on August 21, 2007 (Federal Register/ Vol. 72, No. 161/ page 46716 et seq., Tuesday, August 21, 2007), particularly 37 C.F.R. § 1.75.